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## **Free paper shredding, medication disposal for Macomb County seniors**

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – Macomb County seniors can conveniently and securely dispose of unwanted medications and sensitive personal information at a free document shredding and medication collection event from 9 -10 a.m. Tuesday, April 24.

For the first time in Macomb County, under the supervision of the Macomb County Sheriff's Office, residents are invited to drop off unwanted controlled substances – including narcotic medications – for safe and secure disposal.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recommends medications not be flushed down the toilet as a method of disposal because traces of these medications are appearing in the environment. Therefore, the current disposal recommendation for unwanted medications is through a community collection event.

“This is an excellent opportunity for Macomb County residents to properly dispose of their unwanted medications, while reducing the threat of misuse and protecting the environment,” said Gary White, Director of the Environmental Health Services Division of the Macomb County Health Department.

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Non-controlled and controlled substances should be kept separate, in their original containers, with patient information eliminated to protect the privacy of clients. The Health Department will dispose of the non-controlled substances and the Sheriff's Office will dispose of the controlled substances.

In order to help seniors combat identity theft and keep financial information private, the Macomb County Senior Citizen Services Department and Absolute Shreds, a mobile shredding company, will shred any unwanted personal documents of seniors.

The document shredding is limited to seniors age 60 and older and is intended for personal residential documents only. There is a limit of four boxes of materials per person.

The event will be held at the VerKuilen Building parking lot, 21885 Dunham Road in Clinton Township. For more information, call Cathy Wilson at 586-469-6307 or 586-469-6313.

### **About Macomb County**

Macomb County is an enriching community in Southeastern Michigan that has one of the state's fastest rates of growth. Its 841,000 residents make it Michigan's third-largest county, with direct access to Lake St. Clair and Anchor Bay, and a host of cultural and entertainment options. Its highly skilled workforce and investment in new and expanding businesses make it open to enterprise. Active civic leadership translates into balanced budgets and Michigan's second-lowest tax rate. An increasingly diverse population and high quality of life make Macomb County accessible to all.

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